

ENJOYING THE WEATHER



photo by Danielle Petersen

Student Thomas Burbach takes time to enjoy the warm weather Wednesday. Temperatures were in the 60's.

More Americans studying abroad

MARION RHODES
News editor

The number of American students deciding to exchange their ordinary curriculums of math and science for a period of time in another country is growing every year, according to a study by the Institute of International Education.

In 2001-02, a total of 160,920 U.S. students went outside the borders of their country on study-abroad trips, the study said. That's a 126 percent increase from 10 years earlier.

With 26 sibling universities in 20 countries, UNO offers vast opportunities for students to incorporate some international flair into their education. In addition, students often can get credit for non-UNO-led programs they participate in.

In spite of the increasing popularity of study abroad programs, many Americans are still afraid to take an up-close look at life beyond the United States, said Lori Arias, assistant director of International Student Services. They fear they may not be able to

communicate in a country where people speak a different language or that they may not be welcome abroad, she said.

Then, there's always the issue of leaving behind family and friends, apartments, cars or pets for an extended period of time.

Get involved

Even if you're not up for the challenge of leaving everything behind and going on a study-abroad trip, you don't have to pass on the international experience. UNO offers people many ways to meet international students who come to the United States every year. Here are some ways to get involved:

Meet international students at the airport and take them to their housing.

Help students with errands such as going to the bank, filling out paperwork or shopping for groceries.

Welcome new students and assist with registration and orientation at UNO.

Meet students in the Intensive Language Program at their Wednesday noon table every week in the food court area of the Milo Bail Student Center.

For more information, contact UNO International Studies and Programs at 554-2293.

Still, in the '01-'02 academic year, 215 students from UNO shed those concerns and went to 17 countries to experience life outside their safety zone for a while. Among their countries of choice, Great Britain lead the rank, followed by Ireland, Mexico and Germany.

UNO-led programs last anywhere from 10 days to a full year, said Wendi Chiarbos, study abroad adviser at UNO. Whether they are interested in a two-week study of comparative criminal justice in London or a two-semester program at the Vienna School of Economics in Austria,

students who want to expand their horizon are sure to find something that fits their need and course of study.

Arias, a UNO alum, experienced the benefits of both short-term and long-term

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Web site makes schedule planning as easy as 1-2-3

MARION RHODES
News editor

"Ok, let's see. I need English 1150, Biology 1020, Math 1310 and Spanish 1120. But I also work three times a week and I have band practice on Thursday nights. Man, putting my schedule together is going to be a pain!"

Sound familiar? Signing up for classes when registration comes around can be a time-consuming and often confusing enterprise. Just when you think you have found the perfect schedule, you realize that one of the classes you chose is already full and another one meets off-campus.

A few UNO students were fed up with the troubles of trying to create the perfect class schedule and decided to make life easier for themselves and other UNO students.

Students and lecturers of Victor Winter's software design and implementation class during the 2003 spring semester designed a Web site that makes creating class schedules as easy as 1-2-3.

"We've all gone through a lot of difficulty determining the right schedules," said Jonathan Vonk, a UNO undergrad and one of the lecturers of the class. "What we wanted to do is create something that's both useful for the community and provides experience for the students to put on their resume."

Vonk and a second student lecturer,

Stephen Haberman, came up with the idea for a site that allows students to put in which courses they need or want to take, define the search categories, and the system automatically puts out all possible schedule combinations. The class called the site "Project X Class Scheduler," available at www.whatisprojectx.com.

Students can put in the times when they are unavailable to take classes during the week, whether or not they want off-campus classes included in the search and any sections they may want to exclude from the search.

The system checks UNO's E-bruno once a day for updates on the status of courses to check how many seats are still open, Vonk said. Schedule results can be tailored to list only courses with open seats or to list every course no matter if seats are still available.

With the help of the site, students can easily find out which schedule best fits their needs.

"It takes a lot of the guesswork out of it," Vonk said.

Even though the class that produced the site is over, Project X is still up and running smoothly.

"It could continue to run by itself indefinitely," Vonk said. "The system continues to update itself without human intervention."

Vonk, Haberman and some of the

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Forum educates about NPHC

JOSE LOZA
Editor-in-Chief

Anita Caradori proudly stood in the Milo Bail Student Center Wednesday flaunting a white and blue shirt with her sorority's letters on it.

Caradori, a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., spoke to more than 50 students in the Fire Place Lounge about the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Fraternity and sorority members of Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma also participated in a forum held to break down stereotypes and educate others about ethnic greek organizations.

Caradori, president of the council, said the forum was long over due and wanted people to know that the organization was back on campus. The National Pan-Hellenic Council hasn't been active at UNO for more than a year. It was reinstated in the spring.

"People are starting to see what we're about," said Caradori, president of the council. "We're in our rebuilding stages, and this is our first step."

Panelists addressed questions about the nine organizations that make up the council. Hazing, membership and community

involvement were just a few of the issues raised.

Jellery Epting, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, said he was satisfied with the turnout and questions asked at the forum. "We were able to speak honestly, and that's very important," he said. "We're not here to mislead people about what we're about."

Jimmi McAlister, a member of Zeta Phi Beta, also thought the forum went well. "We had a good number of people come out and expose good views that will help us build for a better tomorrow," she said.

Shawn Cook, greek adviser for the council, said the panel was held for the UNO community to get a better understanding of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the chapters it represents.

"I just hope this starts the dialogue [with other greek organizations] and continues to show that the National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations are strong on this campus and will continue to grow," he said.

McAlister echoed his thoughts and said she hopes that the council could continue to move forward with other organizations.

"We're doing great things with the council on this campus," she said.

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UNO professor helps Cubans in energy debate

CARRIE ZAAYER
Senior staff writer

A UNO professor traveled with other members of the community to Cuba last week to attend an international energy conference.

For the fourth year, Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, assistant professor of political science, attended the International Conference of Technology for the Rational Uses of Energy and Renewable Energy in Havana, Cuba.

The conference, which is in its

sixth year, includes professionals from around the world who give different perspectives on energy and development. Benjamin-Alvarado's current research focuses on technological innovation and sustainable energy policy in Cuba.

For the last three years, Benjamin-Alvarado was the only participant from the United States at the conference. This year, he was joined by three representatives from HDR, an architecture and engineering consulting firm in Omaha.

Benjamin-Alvarado said he has traveled to Cuba for the last 12 years.

"I like taking people to Cuba because of what I call 'the wow factor,'" he said, because they are surprised with what they see there.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss the state of energy policy in Cuba, look at the methods they use and learn how other countries carry out energy development.

Benjamin-Alvarado said some of

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Sexual harassment is not tolerated in classrooms

MARQUITA GOVAN
Staff writer

What constitutes sexual harassment? What can you do against it? And how liable is UNO in case of sexual harassment in the classroom?

Those issues were discussed at a Nov. 17 workshop entitled "Sexual Harassment in the Classroom." Nine members of the faculty and staff participated in the two-hour workshop, conducted by Sharon Ulmar, assistant to the chancellor for diversity and equal opportunity at UNO.

Other areas covered were what constitutes sexual harassment, elements of it, and the roles of faculty and staff

regarding sexual harassment.

In the workshop, the legal definition of sexual harassment was outlined as unwelcome sexual advances, request or favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Connie Sorensen-Birk, an English specialist in the Project Achieve office, said she was surprised to learn that most cases of sexual harassment in schools take place not between the student and the professor but between students. A study by the American Association of University Women found that 85 percent of all sexual harassment that occurred in the classroom consisted of students harassing other students, making this the fastest growing type of harassment.

This has experts like Ulmar concerned. She said it only takes a person to be touched once in an inappropriate place for it to become a case of sexual harassment, which in turn can create a potentially hostile environment. Such an atmosphere has the effect of interfering with employment or academic performance or advancement.

"The law says that you are not [to] be subjected to that kind of environment. You have the right to file or complain," Ulmar said.

Ulmar said that whether or not actions fall under the sexual harassment category also depends on the frequency

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Campus briefs

MARION RHODES
News editor

Nominations for 2004 UNO Women of Color Awards due Dec. 1

Nominations for candidates for the 2004 Women of Color Awards are due Dec. 1. The award recognizes women of color for outstanding contributions in five categories: arts and humanities, business and entrepreneurship, education, community service, and youth leadership. Recipients will be invited to take part in community events and to serve as role models and mentors for various university-related programs and activities. Nomination forms are available online at www.unomaha.edu/woc. Award recipients will be honored at a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 10 at the Scott Conference Center on UNO's south campus. The luncheon is open to the public and reservations can be made by calling 554-2779 or e-mailing to cmattes@mail.unomaha.edu. The cost is \$25 per person.

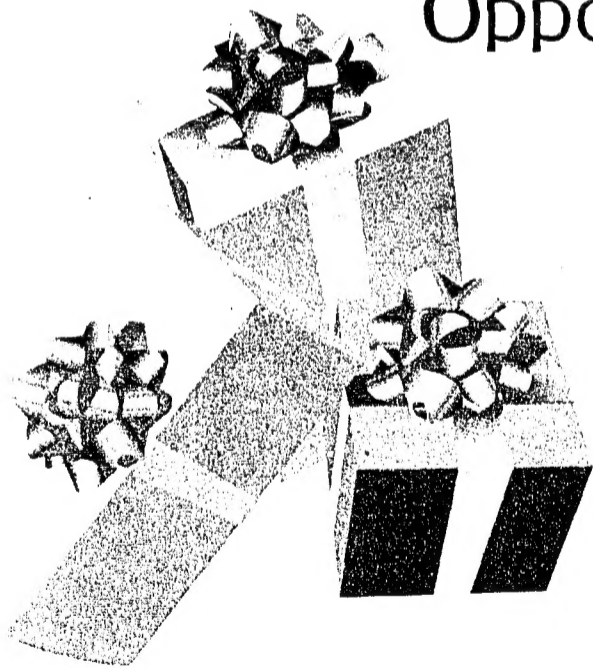
UNO Library to hold Scholastic children's book fair Dec. 2 and 3

The UNO Library will hold a Scholastic children's book fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 3. Children's books, holiday titles, instructional materials, educational games, videos, toys and more will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the literary efforts of the library's juvenile book collection, the Open Door Mission and the One World Community Health Centers.

AAO observes World AIDS Day Dec. 1

The African American Organization will be observing World AIDS Day at UNO Dec. 1. A speaker and a video presentation have been arranged for, and the organization plans to provide free food, HIV testing and information booths. For more information or to participate in the event, call 554-2711.

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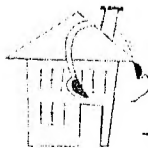
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Turner recognized for efforts

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As you walk into Merry Ellen Turner's office, you get the notion that she respects all cultures. The international art on her wall gives her office that well-traveled feeling.

All in all, such memorabilia is just a reflection of her experiences in the International Education field that have led her to where she is now as current director of international programs at UNO.

Turner, a University of Missouri graduate, has spent 25 years in the International Educational System at UNO and has served as director since April of 1988.

Turner started out as an English as a Second Language teacher and volunteer for the Peace Corps in Morocco. It was her love of teaching English that inspired her to get a job as an ESL instructor in the Intensive Language Program here at UNO. Since then, she has



photo by Danelle Petersen

Merry Ellen Turner, director of International programs.

acquired several positions in the International Studies and Programs department, including that of ILUNO academic and program

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Lauritzen Gardens hosts holiday event

VALERIE CUTSHALL
Senior staff writer

The holidays are here and Lauritzen Gardens wants to share the holiday spirit.

Celebrate the holidays with beautiful and unique floral displays, musical performances and a visit from Santa during "Holiday Happening," Nov. 28 through Nov. 30.

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The children's activities are \$2 per child plus admission.

The new concert series "Holiday Harmony" starts Sunday with a performance by Joey Gulizia's Tropical Sound. The event runs from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All "Holiday Harmony" performances will be held Sunday afternoons through Dec. 21.

"Holiday Harmony is a concert series that we are doing for the first time this year," said Maria Ball, marketing director at Lauritzen Gardens. "I think the [garden

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The Cat in the Hat brings lots of laughs

J. PARKER ADAIR

Senior staff writer

The *Cat in the Hat* is out in the theatre. The season has no movie that is any greater. Mike Myers is hilarious and that is a fact. As a six-foot tall feline in a red and white hat.

The movie was very entertaining. Mike Myers, the Cat, uses so many of his voices. The Cat is actually a compilation of several characters. Myers takes Linda Richmond and Fat Bastard from his *Saturday Night Live* and *Austin Powers* days and puts them together with a touch of the Cowardly Lion. There are also parts where he uses other types of characters and accents fitting of Myers.

The biggest problem with the Cat isn't Myers, but the costumers. The Cat along with Thing One and Thing Two are quite scary. The Cat resembles Pennywise from Stephen King's *IT* to some extent. That may worry parents of young children, however, he is very lovable so it may not be much to worry about.

Bo Welch had the task of brining to life a personified cat from a children's storybook. He also had to compete with Ron Howard's *The Grinch*, the first of the Seuss films.

Welch enlisted concepts from *Shrek*, the digitally animated fairy tale about a big green ogre who was also played by Myers. The film is full of grown-up humor with ideas and references that are lost on young ears, but have adults rolling in the aisle.

Dakota Fanning (*I am Sam*) plays control freak Sally who follows every rule.



photo by Michelle Bishop

Mike Myers as *The Cat in the Hat*. Meyers is accompanied by Kelly Preston, Alec Baldwin, and Dakota Fanning.

Her brother Conrad is adventurous and always getting into troubles by playing games like indoor stair luge.

Kelly Preston plays the kids' Mom. She is a single mother who works hard as a real estate salesperson. Her boss, Mr. Humeroob, (played by Sean Hayes of *Will and Grace*) is a neat freak. He despises germs so much that he carries a bottle of hand sanitizer on his belt.

This becomes a big issue because Mom is supposed to hold a company party at her home that night. The kids have no sitter

and so she enlists the help of an overweight narcoleptic lady to babysit them.

Mom's boyfriend, played by Alec Baldwin resembles the classic evil stepmother. He doesn't like the kids at all and tries to get Mom to send Conrad to Military school.

When mom has to return to work, the Cat enters and the trio of the Cat and kids proceed to mess up the house. Sally even joins in the mischief after the Cat makes them sign a contract.

For the response of a youngster, I brought my nine-year old brother Trevor Ford along. He recommended the movie to all of his friends who didn't believe he got to see it early.

"I thought it was better than *The Grinch* because it was funnier," he said. "I don't know how to say it, but it was just funnier."

He also recommends it because of the original author of the book.

Trevor said: "Someone my age would like it because Dr. Seuss is a really great author, and the movie is a little different from the book."

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Bemis Center to feature UNO students' artwork

LEIA BAEZ

Entertainment editor

UNO's Organization for the Advancement of the Arts will host their annual art show Saturday, Nov. 22 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, 724 S. 12th St.

"GOart," the one-night show, will encompass the many possibilities of art - from painting, sculpture and photography, to video, installation and

performance art. Any UNO student was eligible to submit artwork and all entries received will be showcased.

"This year we celebrate the sixth anniversary of the show and visitors will have an opportunity to see some extraordinary and unique art work in a fun atmosphere," said Shayla Alarie, a UNO student and spokeswoman for the event.

In addition to visual art, the evening will include live music by

several local bands, poetry readings, door prizes and refreshments. Admission is free and open to the public.

The "GOart," show is not like any other art show in the Omaha area.

"It's unique in the fact that it doesn't have a jury and it's a completely open show," Alarie said. "We want a chance for students to get their work shown to the community and get that experience."

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It's Hip-Hop and it don't stop: The latest news in the industry...

LEIA BAEZ

Entertainment editor

~ Raymond "Benzino" Scott and David Mays, founders of *The Source* hip-hop magazine, held a press conference at which they revealed a recorded clip of Eminem freestyling offensive lyrics toward African-Americans in the early 1990s. "The tape contains what is clearly identifiable as Eminem's voice, reciting racial slurs targeted against black women," read a statement released by *The Source*. Benzino is credited with beginning the rift between the two rappers after he referred to Eminem as a "2003 Vanilla Ice" in his song "Pull Your Skirt Up." He also called Slim Shady a "culture stealer," and indicated that his success is due solely to the color of his skin.

~ A warrant was issued for Michael Jackson's arrest on "multiple counts" he allegedly molested a child, officials announced at a press conference. He was last known to be in Las Vegas. Bail was to be set at \$3 million, Santa Barbara County Sheriff Jim Anderson told a news conference. According to reports, the allegations involve a 12-year-old boy who had stayed at Jackson's Neverland ranch.



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~ Wu-Tang Clan's RZA is leading the publication of a book on the history of The Wu-Tang Clan. Riverhead Books will release "The Wu-Tang Manual," which will contain autobiographies from each member as well as a lyrical encyclopedia. The group will hit the road for a 60 city tour in the spring of 2004, to coincide with the release of the paperback book. The concert has been labeled the group's farewell tour.

SOURCE: www.allhiphop.com, and www.online.com.

Mavs, Norse meet again in NCAA quarterfinals

PAUL FREELAND

Senior staff writer

Familiar faces have dotted the UNO soccer team's second NCAA Division II tournament run and their quarterfinal opponent is no exception.

After beating No. 8 Truman State and No. 16 Minnesota State-Mankato, the Mavericks now have a rematch of their 2002 quarterfinal match. 18th-ranked Northern Kentucky travels to Omaha with the winner advancing to the Final Four in Virginia Beach, Va.

Maverick Head Coach Don Klosterman said his team's health is satisfactory going into the match.

"We're fine injury-wise," Klosterman said. "The players are just tired and sore from the last game. That's to be expected at this time of the season. The two games at the weekend took a lot out of us, so hopefully [Northern Kentucky's] did the same."

UNO's path to the 2002 championship match started with wins over Mankato in the North Central Conference tournament final and an NCAA tournament second round win over Truman State. The Mavs then traveled to Wilder, Ky, to play NKU, then ranked first in the nation.

NKU had most of the play, but Maverick midfielder Jessica Dotson grabbed the lone goal to put the Mavs in the semifinals.



photo by Chris Machian

Ashley Grace tries to work her way past Truman's Beth Wieman in a recent game.

Klosterman said playing at home and away from NKU's FieldTurf surface is a definite advantage.

"Being at home is a big plus," Klosterman said. "The

players can go to class and not have their schedules interrupted. Not having to travel will help with some aches and sores. We don't want to have to play at their field again, but Northern Kentucky will be good on one surface or the other. They might even be more comfortable on grass, you never know."

NKU advanced to the quarterfinals by outlasting ninth-ranked Ashland on penalty kicks and knocking off regional host and No. 6 Grand Valley State 4-3.

Klosterman said another difference from UNO and NKU's last meeting is that the Mavericks have experienced defeat during the regular season.

"One advantage we might have is that we've lost and tied games this year," Klosterman said. "We know what it's like to come from behind. We've seen almost every situation this year and we've had a lot of different experiences that we might not have had last year."

The winner of the UNO-NKU matchup, which will start at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ak-Sar-Ben, will play the winner between No. 19 Barry University and second-ranked Kennesaw State in Virginia Beach. On the other side of the bracket, seventh-ranked Franklin Pierce hosts No. 4 Adelphi and third-ranked California-San Diego hosts No. 1, and undefeated, Metro State.

Youthful Mav hoopsters upbeat about season

PAUL FREELAND

Senior staff writer

Despite losing key seniors and over 35 points per game from last season's lineup, UNO women's basketball Head Coach Lisa Carlsen's cupboard is far from bare.

UNO was picked to finish seventh in the eight-team North Central Conference, a conference that has spawned nine of the last 13 national champions, in the coach's poll.

Carlsen, however, said her side is aiming much higher.

"The coaches picked us seventh out of eight teams and from an outsider's perspective that might look right," Carlsen said. "Our expectations are higher than that. We can be better than we were last year. If you're at this school and you're not aiming for the regional tournament, you're selling yourself short. With the regional tournament expanding to eight teams, they'll be looking for teams to fill those other slots and they

could very well take five NCC teams."

UNO finished last season with a 12-16 overall record and a 5-11 record in the NCC, finishing fifth. Gone from that roster are Sara Peterson, Tanya Hammes and Rachel Volnek, who between them averaged 36.7 points and 17.1 rebounds per game. The team returns two starters in Lindsey Petersen and Shannon Eggers.

Carlsen said the team's style of play would be very similar to last season's approach.

"If you look at what we have coming back, there might be some concern," Carlsen said. "The numbers just aren't there. The team makeup is completely different, but we're going to stay pretty close to last year's style of play. Last year's players have improved and the new players have progressed further than I thought they'd be."

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UNO hosts largest single-day wrestling event of the year

J. PARKER ADAIR

Senior staff writer

This Saturday, the UNO wrestling team not only wrestles for the first time at home, but also hosts the largest single-day wrestling tournament in the nation.

The Ryan Kauffman/Glen Brand Open features some of the top wrestlers from around the country. Wrestlers like Cael Sanderson, NCAA I's only four-year undefeated wrestler, have been wrestling the

tournament for years.

Competing in the meet are representatives from NCAA I, NCCA II, NCAA III, NAIA as well as some community colleges. Three top 10 teams from NCAA I will be present. They are Iowa, Iowa State and University of Nebraska at Lincoln. They will be joined by Wyoming, Boise State and Northern Iowa.

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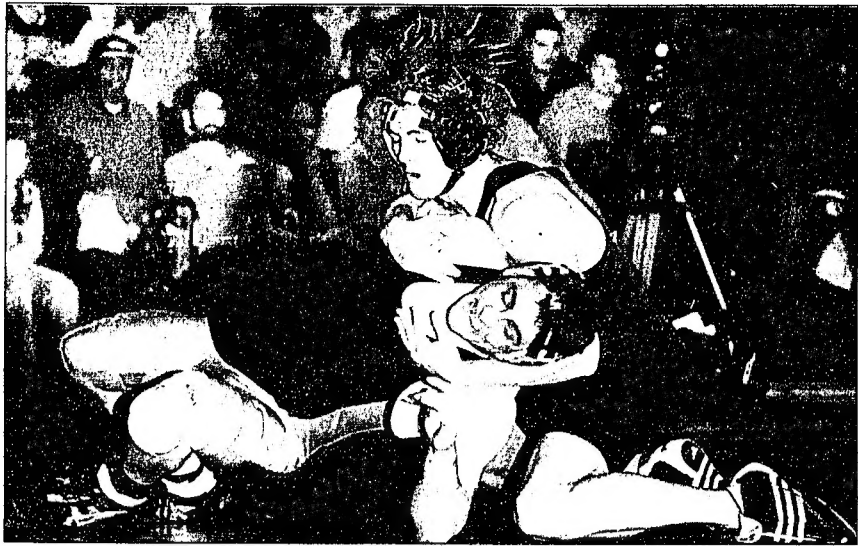
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UNO's Dirk Desmond and University of Central Oklahoma's Pen Phillips, wrestle in a match last season. Desmond, now a senior, and the rest of the Maverick squad will host an all-day meet at the Sapp Field House tomorrow.

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In addition to the Mavericks, NCAA II powerhouses Central Oklahoma, University of Nebraska at Kearney, North Dakota State South Dakota State, and Chadron State.

This is the last year in D-II for NDSU and SDSU. They will move up to D-I, so this will give them a good look at their future competition.

Wartburg leads the way in the D-III teams. The Knights set several records at the national tournament a year ago and hope to compete against the big guns and flex theirs.

Dana College from Blair, Neb., and Storm Lake, Iowa's Buena Vista will be two of five NAIA schools. Seven community colleges will also compete.

In all 500 wrestlers from 31 teams will compete. Competition begins at 9 a.m. and there is not a set time for finals. The tournament has taken up to 12 hours in years past, so no matter what time of the day one comes, he or she is guaranteed to see some great matches. There is an open division as well as a 20-and-under division. Between the two divisions, 12 mats will be in action at the Sapp Fieldhouse on campus.

from TURNER, page 3

coordinator and assistant director, which all served as stepping stones to her position today.

Turner is a recent recipient of the Andersen-Gouttierre Award. Her commitment to advancing the international knowledge and understanding of UNO and the community is a reflection of the devotion and special interest she has for her job. For Turner, it is a job that is both professionally and personally stimulating, offering something new and different everyday that she said she can look forward to. To her, it is a dream job, one that gives her the opportunity to do what she loves for a living.

The award she received was named in honor of the former chairman and chief executive officer to the *Omaha World-Herald*, Harold Andersen, and UNO's dean of International Studies and Programs, Tom Gouttierre. The award is given every year to those who have helped enhance the international awareness of Nebraskans. The award is also by nomination, going to two faculty members and one staff member. Turner

was the staff member chosen and Joong-Gun Chung, a professor in the Department of Political Science and James Saker, professor and chair of the Department of Music, were the two faculty members selected for 2003.

Though Turner was a member of the election committee for the awards, the group managed to keep her nomination a secret during the selection process. Turner said when she found out she had been picked for the award, she was both surprised and honored.

"It's nice to be recognized for doing something that you love to do, which I do," she said.

The award is accompanied by a cash prize of \$1,000, which the recipients can use however they wish.

Crediting her dedicated and hard-working staff as the real reason behind winning the award, Turner points out it is their team-orientation and focus in helping diversify UNO's international student population that is the reason she and her department are successful.

Maverick

Former UNO defensive end **Chris Cooper** was one of four Oakland Raiders to be suspended for testing positive for the designer steroid THC (tetrahydrogestrinone).

Cooper, as well as Bill Romanowski, Barret Robbins and Dana Stubblefield have all been preliminarily suspended for four games pending an appeal and a second test. The substance, previously undetectable, was banned by the NFL last month after immediately after it was discovered as a steroid. Cooper is also among a large group of athletes subpoenaed to testify in a federal grand jury case against the maker of the substance. More news will be released in the *Gateway* about this situation in the next issue.

Men's basketball coach Kevin McKenna announced Tuesday that the Mavericks have signed Omaha Burke standout Grant Nieland to a national letter

of intent to play for UNO next season. Nieland, a 6-4, 190-pound senior averaged

15 points and six rebounds as a junior last season.

In the preseason North Central Conference polls, the UNO men's basketball team came in at a severely underrated sixth place.

Yes, the loss of three key seniors is big but this younger team may actually be better. South Dakota and South Dakota State took their annual spots at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively. The UNO women were picked seventh in the poll. South Dakota and South Dakota State were flip-flopped in this one with SDSU taking the top spot.

Wide receiver Ryan Krause has been selected to play in the annual Blue/Gray classic college football all-star game on Christmas Day. Krause is the third receiver in UNO's history to have over 1,000 yards receiving. He had 1,066 yards and 11 touchdowns this year. The game will be televised on ESPN2 at 2 p.m.

Turner also credits her unique experience as part of the Peace Corps for really helping to define her career path.

Her one-year stint in the Moroccan city of Taza gave her a lot of skills useful in the workforce she wouldn't have gained otherwise, including proficiency in both Arabic and French, as well as important problem solving and communication skills. She said an overseas experience makes a big difference in one's salability in the job market and that is a value she said shouldn't be underestimated.

"I think without that experience, I probably wouldn't be doing what I am doing today, so that has a big impact," Turner said.

Turner also said such exposure makes a person more empathetic toward international students and provides insight into the many difficulties they often encounter.

Ironically, Turner said when she moved to Omaha, she thought she'd never see another international student face, but has since then seen more than a thousand ILUNO students from more than 90 different countries go

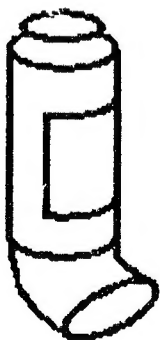
through the program this past year alone.

And just this year, UNO was listed as No. 25 out of the top 40 institutions for their international student populations in an annual report by the Institute of International Education. No other school in the state of Nebraska made the listing.

Such recognition encourages Turner to continue that kind of student-centeredness the International Studies and Programs Office is becoming known for. Making sure that students continue to come first in her department among the newly initiated federal immigration mandates is her current goal, a balancing act she perceives to be her office's real job in its goal to internationalize the education process at UNO.

Turner said she has no plans to leave International Studies and Programs any time soon, and it is the constant variation and new people she meets in her job that keeps her in it.

"I'm always challenged and as long as that continues, I'm happy to be where I am, doing what I am doing," she said.



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With no seniors on the roster, juniors Petersen, Chelsie Groslic and Raina Tasa are the team's most experienced players. Among the new additions to the Mavericks' ranks are a pair of transfer students, Skeeter Zoucha from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Tracie Hemphill from Howard Community College, Andrea Schoepf from perennial Nebraska power South Sioux City and dual sport athlete Haley Fries.

Carlsen said her team's blend of players was well-suited to their preferred style.

"I think we're deep enough to play

this style," Carlsen said. "The NCC is very much an up and down league. You won't find a lot of teams who always walk it up. You have to be athletic and have good guard play to pull it off and I think we fit those categories."

UNO opened exhibition play with a 75-67 loss at Division I Bradley before falling 94-47 at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. The Mavs begin regular season play Friday and Saturday as they play Wayne State and Northern State in Vermillion, S.D.

Carlsen said her team gained valuable experience from their preseason travels.

"Both games were good games for

us," Carlsen said. "We played a very scrappy game at Bradley. We played hard and physical and we were tied with three minutes left. Even though the UNL game was a blowout, our response was positive. Our next practice after that game was very good. You can learn a lot in getting your head handed to you."

UNO opens their home schedule on Nov. 28 against William Penn in the UNO Maverick Classic before hosting Minnesota State-Moorhead the next day. Home games against UNK, the College of St. Mary, Briar Cliff and Doane round out non-conference play before the start of the NCC schedule.

from SEXUAL, page 2

and severity of the act. Frequency would be anything happening on a continual basis that is considered to be unwelcome by the recipient, whereas severity constitutes the harshness of the act.

Examples include repeatedly asking a person out for dates, making sexual innuendos and comments or blatantly assaulting someone sexually.

Other examples of conduct that could be considered sexual harassment if unwelcome include: touching, patting or stroking against a person, telephone calls of a sexual nature and direct or indirect threats for unwanted sexual activity.

from CUBANS, page 2

the issues included how to increase efficiency and use alternative sources of energy such as wind power and biomass, which means burning agricultural waste for power.

Everyone involved learns a lot in the process, he said. The Cubans get to share in some understanding that the Americans have and learn how to make their projects attractive to

UNO as an institution is liable for sexual harassment on campus, including student-on-student harassment witnessed by a professor. The instructor is not only responsible for managing a harassment-free environment, but for ensuring that any harassment ends.

Ulmar said that all representatives of UNO are legally obliged to take all reasonable steps to ensure a harassment-free classroom.

If a student, faculty or staff member is ever sexually harassed, there are five steps that Ulmar said can be taken.

These include: reporting the incident to someone in authority, reviewing the university's sexual harassment policy,

attending sexual harassment programs and communicating with the harasser that the harassment is unwanted. Or, if students wish, they can simply report the incident to someone in higher authority.

The UNO sexual harassment policy also recommends keeping a written record of your complaints and reports.

"[The workshop] is thought-provoking, informative, and well worth the time spent," said Sorensen-Birk. "I have a renewed awareness that everyone at the university is responsible for creating and maintaining an environment for students that allows learning to take place."

from STUDY, page 1

study abroad when she was a student. In 1979, she went to Bolivia and Peru for five weeks on the Nene Field Ambassador Program, a UNO-led program that sends a group of students to a different country every summer. For going through every-day life with a host family and traveling South America, she got independent study credit through the program.

Two years later, she went to Japan for a year, where she lived with a host family and attended classes. Though she hardly spoke the language at the time and only had a six-credit-hour Japanese course before she went, she decided to take the plunge into the unknown. By the time she returned, she was able to keep her head up in an everyday conversation.

"It took me almost a full year to feel that I was competent and able to understand the culture," she said.

from PLANNING, page 1

students from the class still keep an eye on the site, though, and respond to feedback from users. Some recent additions to the site included the possibility to filter off-campus classes out of the search and to create an at-a-glance schedule similar to the one E-bruno produces, Vonk said.

Though he will graduate after this semester, Vonk will teach the class again next spring. This time, though, he'll be the only lecturer, as Habermann graduated last spring

foreign investment.

"Americans take away a better understanding of the capabilities of Cubans," he said, such as their education, engineering abilities and preparation. "That's a good thing for Americans to understand."

Benjamin-Alvarado has also taken students and faculty to Cuba. UNO received a license from the U.S. government that allows educators, such as Benjamin-Alvarado, to

engage in educational activities in Cuba.

The conference is co-sponsored by the United Nations Development Program and the Cuban Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment. About 100 people from countries such as Germany, Spain and France participated in the conference, he said.

Programs can be language-specific, require only a basic knowledge of the language or be designed to work around the language barrier, such as some programs that offer instruction in English.

Having been abroad for five weeks her first time and one year the second time, Arias knows about the advantages and disadvantages of both trips.

"For a first trip, to go on a short-term program is the way to go because you get to experience another culture without the fear of being gone from your family and environment for a long time," she said. She added that being in a group her first time abroad was very helpful.

Long-term study may be more expensive, but it's worth the extra cost because you gain invaluable experience, she said.

"Long-term study abroad is

much better in terms of your ability to delve deeply into the culture, to start to understand people and customs. You also have an opportunity to analyze similarities and differences between your own culture and the other culture."

Whatever program they choose, students need to be aware that the experience will change their lives, Arias said. That means they need to be flexible and willing to adapt to their new experiences, she said.

Participating in an exchange program has obvious benefits, such as making a good impression on a person's resume. Less obvious may be the fact that they help people gain maturity and tolerance. Arias said she wishes more academic programs would require study abroad periods.

"If more students would study abroad, we would greatly increase our diplomacy and cross-cultural understanding," she said.

and now pursues his master's degree at a university in Pennsylvania.

Vonk said he doesn't know yet whether he will work on the existing site with his new class or create something new. One idea he has in mind for Project X is to expand the system to be applicable to all University of Nebraska campuses.

Another goal he has in mind is to incorporate Project X directly with E-bruno. At the end of the spring semester, Vonk and Habermann met with Bret Blackman, director of

administrative information services at UNO, to discuss such an effort. Blackman said he wanted to follow up on the idea this fall.

Blackman said Student Enrollment Services is always looking for ways to work together with students in trying to implement new ideas. If technical and security concerns turn out to be no problem, the integration of Project X into E-bruno may be something students can look forward to in the future, he said.

from GARDENS, page 3

complex] is a beautiful setting for music of any kind."

The café, which faces the floral display hall, is open between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, and sports wonderful holiday dishes. This year, the floral hall is home to hundreds of poinsettias, a poinsettia tree and many Christmas trees, decorated with lights, natural materials and antique sleighs. The display will run through Jan. 4.


"Holiday Harmony gives families a chance to come out on a Sunday afternoon and enjoy the setting, food and music," Ball said. "We hope it is a fun family day in a beautiful setting."

Other "Holiday Harmony" performances include music by the Mitch Towne Trio, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 7; the Omaha Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 14; Voices of Victory, the Salem Baptist Church gospel choir, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 14; and Metropolitan Brass, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 21.


Lauritzen Gardens is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission to the gardens is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children aged 6 to 12. Members and children under age 6 are admitted free. Admission includes the holiday activities mentioned above.

Lauritzen Gardens is a 100-acre botanical garden containing 13 outdoor gardens. The visitor and education center includes a 5,000 square foot floral display hall, a café, gift shop, resource library, classrooms, banquet areas and a community room.

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- 1) Big E and the Red Rockets (3-0)
- 2) PTP (3-0)
- 3) Pike A (3-0)
- 4) Sig Ep A (3-0)
- 5) Cougars (2-1)

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- 1) T&A (3-0)
- 2) SV Happy Hoopers (3-0)
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- 4) UV Red Willow (2-1)
- 5) UV Team Burke (2-1)

Indoor Soccer

- 1) Celtic Pride (4-0)
- 2) WPF (3-1)
- 3) Free Agent Kickers II(3-1)
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- 5) ALQUDS (2-2)

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